would be considered after disposal of the above referred representations. and clearance of the project from environment and forest angles.

This scheme was rejected from environment angle by Ministry of Environment and forests in October, 1990, Because of the adverse ecological impact of the project and drying up of the natural Adirapally Falls. Ministry of Environment and Forests is reconsidering the project from environment angle based on the Kerala State Electricity Boards proposal for construction of another power house, viz. Adirapally Upper power House (2 X 7.5 MW) upstream of Adirapally Falls to ensure water releases for the Falls.

Thermal Power Plant at Kayamkulam, Kerala

551. SHRI P.C. THOMAS:
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SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
SHRI PALLA K.M. MATHEW:
SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which Kayamkulam thermal Power Plant in Kerala is likely to be installed and commissioned;

(b) the names of States which are likely to get electricity from this plant;

(c) whether the financial assistance expected from Soviet Union has been received and if so, he details thereof; and

(d) if not, the sources, from which the Government propose to get financial assistance for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The proposal for setting up of 2 X 210 MW thermal power project at Kayamkulam, Kerala requires clearances from Ministry of Environment and Forests from environment and forest angle with specific reference to major issues like fly ash utilisation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan and ash disposal plan.

(b) the States of Southern region viz Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh Karnataka, Pondichary and Goa are entitled to allocation of power from this project, as per Central formula for allocation of power from central power stations.

(c) A credit agreement has been singned National Thermal Power Corporation with the Soviet side in September by National Thermal power Corporation with the Soviet side in September, 1989 for credit of Rbls 600 million which covers Kayamkulam and Mangaiore projects of NIPC and Maithor Power projects of DVC for supply Mangalore projects of NIPC and maithon power projects of DVC for supply nd services from UDDR and Rbls. 170 million for local costs.

(d) Does not arise.

Electronic Exchanges in Kerala

552. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present stage of development of electronic telephone exchanges at the sub-divisions of (1) Kanjirapally (2) palia (3) Muvattu Puzha (4) Kothamangalam (5) Aluva and (6) Perumbavoor in Kerala;